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1. LIBYAN DAILY AL-BALAGH OF NOV. 11 CARRIES EDITORIAL COMMENT ON U.S. ARMS POLICY. IT IS ESSENTIALLY A GLOSS ON QADHAFI'S REMARKS RE US "ARMS EMBARGO" ON LIBYA (REFTEL). FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: US HAS SOLD PLANES AND TANKS TO MOROCCO, WHILE STOPPING DELIVERY OF PLANES (I.E. C-130'S) TO LIBYA. THIS POLICY IS SELF-EXPLANATORY AND COMPLETELY CLEAR. FOR US KNOWS WHERE MOROCCAN WEAPONS ARE GOING AND WHAT THEY WILL BE USED FOR, AND WHERE ANY DELIVERY WILL BE SENT. US ALSO KNOWS GOAL WHICH LIBYA HAS PURSUED AND IS PURSUING IN ITS POLICY AND ARAB POSITIONS, AND ROLE OF WEAPONS ARISING OUT OF THESE PRINCIPLES. (PASSAGE OMITTED) WE DO NOT OBJECT TO ALL ARAB COUNTRIES ARMPNG THEMSELVES, ON CONDITION THAT THESE ARMS
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BE FORCE FOR OUR TRUE BATTLE. BUT THAT ARMS

SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ONE, AND NOT TO ANOTHER, THIS
AMERICAN POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION UNDERLINES OUR
SERIOUSNESS IN FOLLOWING ROAD, WHICH ALL ARAB
COUNTRIES SHOULD FOLLOW, TO FREEDOM, SOCIALISM,
AND UNITY. WE DO NOT DEAL WITH US IN BUYING
ARMS, EXCEPT IN FUNCTION OF COMMERCIAL PRINCIPLES.
WE HAVE PAID FOR THESE PLANES, AND NAME OF LIBYAN
ARAB REPUBLIC HAS BEEN WRITTEN ON THEM. BUT
POLICY OF AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION AND ITS INTELLI-
GENCE SERVI IS WHAT HAS STOPPED DELIVERY. THIS
REVEALS AMERICAN POLICY, WHICH OPPOSES US, AND PER-
SISTS IN TRYING TO PUT FAILURE IN WAY OF RE-
VOLUTION AND PROGRESS. AMERICA IS NOT ONLY ARMS
MERCHANT IN WORLD. THERE IS FRANCE WHICH STANDS
BY US, THERE IS SOVIET UNION. THERE IS A
MARKET OPEN TO THIS TRADE IN MANY COUNTRIES OF THE
WORLD. END TEXT.
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